SEPT 13-14, 2007

Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association

Executive Notes

Your Provincial Executive Council met in St. John's on **September 13 and 14.** This issue of *Executive Notes* is a summary of decisions and discussions that occurred at that meeting.

For further information contact any member of Provincial Executive or the staff person as indicated.

President's Report

President Sean Noah reported on his activities since taking over the office of President in August. He attended CONTACT in New Brunswick, attended meetings with the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association, the Group Insurance Trustees, the Minister of Education, and the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils. He was active in the media on issues regarding the Commission reports, school construction, negotiations, closing of alternate schools, the AIMS report, and he voiced "Back to School" messages for radio.

Association Priorities

Provincial Executive determined Association Priorities for 2007-09 during a planning session facilitated by Beverley Park and George Tucker from the Professional Development Division. Executive identified priorities, and reviewed and discussed the issues that are expected to predominate activities for the coming year.

Executive requested that staff summarize the items reviewed during the planning session and prepare a report for the next Executive meeting.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

Orientation for New Executive

An orientation session took place with Executive members to review the programs and services of the NLTA, their role as Executive members, parliamentary procedures, the structure of committees and committee leadership, working effectively as a team, as well as meeting preparation and governance of the Association.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

Business of Standing Committees

Table Officers

- The President of the NLTA will write the Minister of Education, with copies to the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association and school district directors, expressing the NLTA's serious concerns re the inadequate allocation of substitute teacher days for family leave and the resulting denial of family leave for teachers.
- Follow-up discussions will be held with the Minister of Education following the provincial election to lobby for the release of the two Commission reports.
- Further contact will be made with the Department of Education regarding the filling of the vacant position of Director of Student Support Services and the re-establishing of the Advisory Committee on Student Support Services.
- Contact will be made with a small sample of high schools regarding possible teacher issues with the Department's program for the provision of textbooks to students.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

Ad Hoc Committee on Internal Review of NLTA Programs and Services

The terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Internal Review of NLTA Programs and Services were approved by Provincial Executive. As per the motion carried at BGM 2007, the ad hoc committee has been established to compile recommendations for action, based on the information presented in the internal review of NLTA programs and services.

For further information contact Paul Pinsent, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on the Internal Review of NLTA Programs and Services or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

Equity Issues in Education Committee

Meetings of the Equity Issues in Education Committee will take place in the Burin-Marystown area.

For further information contact Jackie Maloney, Chair, Equity Issues in Education Committee or Beverley Park, Professional Development Division.

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Professional Issues Committee

Meetings of the Professional Issues Committee will take place in Deer Lake.

For further information contact Jean Murphy, Chair, Professional Issues Committee or Beverley Park or George Tucker, Professional Development Division.

Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion Committee

Meetings of the Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion Committee will take place in Blaketown.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, Chair, Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion Committee or Don Ash, Benefits and Economic Services Division.

Standing Committees for 2007-09	
Committee	**Chairperson**
Communications/Political Action	Gabriel Ryan
Curriculum	Jeanne Williams
Equity Issues in Education	Jackie Maloney
Finance and Property	James Dinn
Group Insurance	Callista Burridge
Membership Benefits & Services	Wade Verge
Professional Issues	Jean Murphy
Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion	Dean Ingram

Provincial Election and NLTA Political Action

Provincial Executive was provided with information on the political action during the provincial election. Executive members were provided with an election kit that was sent to all branch presidents. The kit included a letter from NLTA President Sean Noah, the "Make Education a Priority in this Election" Issues Handbook, questions for party leaders, the NLTA Political Action Policy, and a copy of the NLTA Political Action Handbook. Radio advertisements are to be aired during the weeks before the provincial election asking the public to make education a priority in this election. As well, a series of questions were sent to leaders of the three main political parties. Answers are to be compiled into an Election Bulletin and forwarded to all teachers.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President of Lesley-Ann Browne, Communications Officer.

Branch Contact Assignments 2007-09

Executive Member	Branches
Sean Noah, President	* All Branches
Callista Burridge	Baie Verte Peninsula, Deer Lake, Green Bay, Notre Dame, Taylor's Brook
Lily Cole	Burin-Marystown, Labrador West, Lake Melville, Southern Shore, Waterford Valley
James Dinn	Bell Island, Marconi, Northern Light, St. John's Centre
Derek Drover	Bay d'Espoir, Belleoram-Wreck Cove, Exploits Valley, Harton, Seagaulher
Dean Ingram	Baccalieu, Churchill Falls, Clarenbridge, Coastal Labrador South, Nutak Labradorimi
Jackie Maloney	GranForLine, Placentia, Rushoon-Terrenceville, St. Brendan's
Jean Murphy	Aurora, Belle Mer, Bremco, Ingornachoix, Long Range
Paul Pinsent	Appalachia, Burgeo, Humber, Port aux Basues, Rameaux
Gabriel Ryan	Conception Bay Centre, Conception Bay South, St. Mary's Bay, Upper Trinity South
Tina Ryan	Fogo Island, Ganova, Hamilton Sound, Table Mountain, Trinity-Deadman's Bay
Jeanne Williams	Bay Roberts, Carbonear, Landfall, Trinity, T. Bay

* The President (and, in his absence, the Vice-President) will also be an alternate for visitation to any branch if the scheduled contact person is unavailable.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **November 1** in St. John's, followed by a Joint Council meeting on **November 2 and 3**.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.